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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Supreme Court Room, Springfield, Illinois
May 10-11, 1917

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society will be held at Springfield on Thursday and Friday, May 10-11, 1917.

As the General Assembly is in session it will not be possible to secure the Senate Chamber in the State House for the sessions of the meeting and the Justices of the Supreme Court through the courtesy of Chief Justice Charles C. Craig, have granted the Society the honor and privilege of using the Supreme Court room for the annual meeting.

An unusually fine program has been arranged. Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, the noted Lincoln student and writer, and director of the Abraham Lincoln Center, Chicago, will deliver the principal or annual address, the subject of which is "Contemporary Vandalism," and a reception will be held at the close of Dr. Jones' address. The Governor and Mrs. Lowden

*Deceased.

will receive the Society and its friends and guests at the Executive Mansion on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A luncheon at the St. Nicholas hotel on Friday noon is another pleasant feature of the arrangements for the annual meeting.

An interesting exhibit of printed and other material illustrating the mis-use or unlawful use of the National flag will be made in the rooms of the State Historical Library by Capt. E. R. Lewis, President of the American Flag Day Association.

The program as arranged is as follows:

ANNUAL MEETING ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Order of Exercises

Thursday Morning, May 10, 10 o'Clock

Directors' Meeting in Office of Secretary

Thursday Afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, in Supreme Court Room
Mr. E. L. Bogart The Population of Illinois 1870-1910
University of Illinois.

Music. Group of Songs, Miss Ruby Evans.

Miss Verna Cooley Illinois and the Underground Railroad
University of Illinois. to Canada.

Mr. Stephen A. Day A Celebrated Illinois Case That
Chicago. Made History.

Thursday Evening, 8 o'Clock, Supreme Court Room
Music—Illinois Weber Quartette
Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, President of the Society,

The Illinois Centennial Celebration

Mr. George A. Rogers Reading, Reverie of Fifty Years
Galesburg, Illinois. Later from Lincoln at Gettysburg,
By Col. Clark E. Carr.

Music. Group of Songs, Mrs. Sarajane Matthews Brown.
Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones Annual Address. Contemporary
Chicago. Vandalism.

Friday Morning, May 11, Business Meeting
10 o'Clock, Supreme Court Room

Reports of Officers.

Reports of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

In Memoriam.....Brief tributes to some deceased
members of the Society.

Capt. J. H. Burnham.....By E. J. James, President of the
University of Illinois.

James Haines.....By Mr. W. R. Curran, Pekin

Friday Noon, 12:45 Sharp
Luncheon—St. Nicholas Hotel

Friday Afternoon, 2:30 o'Clock
Supreme Court Room

Rev. P. C. Croll....Thomas Beard, the Pioneer and Founder
Beardstown, Ill. of Beardstown, Ill.

Music. Group of Songs, Mrs. Paul Starne.

Mr. Theodore C. Pease....The Public Land Policy and Early
University of Illinois. Illinois Politics.

Mr. Arthur C. Cole....."The Presidential Election of 1864"
University of Illinois.

Friday Afternoon, 5 to 6:30 o'Clock

Mrs. Lowden will receive the Historical Society at the
Executive Mansion.

At this meeting the Society will decide what part it will
take in the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the
State.

It is likely that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be
held in connection with some of the official celebrations under
the auspices of the Centennial Commission, probably in April
on or near the 18th, the anniversary of the adoption by Con-
gress of the act authorizing the Territory of Illinois to formu-
late a Constitution and organize a State government.

BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL U. S. GRANT

On April 27, 1917, the people of Galena celebrated the
ninety-fifth anniversary of the birth of General Ulysses S.
Grant. When General Grant left Galena in 1861 at the break-
ing out of the Civil War he was just thirty-nine years of age.
He was educated at West Point and served several years in
the regular army. On leaving the army he had tried farming
near St. Louis without meeting with success, and finally went

to Galena to assist in the management of a tannery in which his father was interested. After the firing on Fort Sumter and the breaking out of the War he came to Springfield, to see if he could be of service. He felt that his West Point training and military service ought to be put to practical use. Many stories are told how Governor Yates happened to appoint him Colonel of the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry regiment, but the important thing is that he received the appointment.

The story of his wonderful rise, his great military genius, and the fact that in four years' time he was at the head of the armies of the United States is more wonderful and thrilling than the tale of a hero of romance in the realm of fiction. It is idle to conjecture what the life of General Grant would have been if the opportunity which the Civil War gave him had not arisen. That he was one of the great captains of the world is conceded.

Illinois, in writing her history, has not paid enough attention to the fact that Ulysses S. Grant is one of her sons, has not loudly enough proclaimed him as one of the most illustrious soldiers of the world, and that he hailed from Illinois. At thirty-nine years of age, he had met with little but discouragement. At forty-three years of age, he received the sword of Lee in surrender at Appomattox. At forty-six he was elected President of the United States. All these things occurred in seven years' time, and he began his career in the Civil War in Illinois.

The people of Galena properly feel that their city, which was General Grant's Illinois home, should in a special manner observe his birthday.

The principal orator this year was Mr. Blewett Lee, general solicitor for the Illinois Central railroad, and son of the late General Stephen D. Lee.

It would be appropriate that the people of Galena and Jo Daviess County should select General Grant's birthday for some special observance of the Centennial of the State.

Memorials of General John A. Rawlins and E. B. Washburne might be erected by this locality.

THE FIRST VOLUME OF THE CENTENNIAL HISTORY

The first or preliminary volume of the Centennial history has been printed. It is entitled, "Illinois in 1818," and is by Prof. Solon Justus Buck, now superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, though formerly of the University of Illinois. The edition of the book is very small. It will be distributed only to libraries, public institutions and State officials. The other five volumes of the Centennial history will be published during the Centennial Year. The first or introductory volume presents a faithful picture of conditions as they were in Illinois at the time of its admission into the Federal Union, and treats of its social, economic and political life at that period. As a history, it is accurately and scientifically written, but it is more than that, as it has much literary merit and romantic interest. The book has three hundred and sixty-two pages, and there are eleven chapters. There is a good bibliography and a comprehensive index.

MR. AND MRS. CLINTON L. CONKLING CELEBRATE THEIR
GOLDEN WEDDING

On March 12, 1917, Mr. Clinton L. Conkling and his wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Conkling was Miss Georgiana Barrell, and the couple were married in Springfield at the residence of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. George Barrell, March 12, 1867.

Mr. Conkling is one of the leaders of the bar of Springfield and Central Illinois. He practised law with his father, the late James C. Conkling, until the latter's death. The elder Conkling was one of Abraham Lincoln's closest friends. It was to Mr. Conkling that Mr. Lincoln wrote his celebrated letter to the Union Mass Meeting of September 3, 1863.

The original of this letter and much other valuable historical material has been presented to the Illinois State Historical Society by Mr. Clinton L. Conkling. Mr. Conkling when a youth, on May 18, 1860, was in his father's law office when word was received announcing Mr. Lincoln's nomination for the Presidency, and he went out, intending to go to Mr. Lincoln's office with the information, but he met Mr. Lincoln on the west side of the public square and told him the news. Mr. Conkling gave a most interesting account of this event at the annual

meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, May, 1909, and it is published in the Transactions of the Society for that year.

Mr. and Mrs. Conkling received calls and congratulations from their friends at their home on the occasion of their golden wedding.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Georgiana Conkling Reed of Englewood, New Jersey, and Mrs. Catherine Conkling McCormick of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The members of the Historical Society extend to Mr. and Mrs. Conkling, congratulations and best wishes for long continued health and happiness.

They are both members of the Society, and are most active, helpful and generous in aiding in its work.

ACCOUNT BOOKS OF ONE OF THE FIRST STORES IN SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS, DEPOSITED IN THE ILLINOIS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The account books of the general store of Elijah Iles, one of the earliest merchants of Springfield, which cover a period from 1824 to 1830, have been deposited in the Historical Library by Mr. Robert D. Loose, now of Detroit, Michigan, grand-nephew of Mr. Iles. These books contain the names of the early settlers of Springfield, and vicinity, and are valuable and interesting in showing prices of commodities and the articles most used by the pioneers.

Mr. Loose, the donor of the volumes, is the son of Jacob Loose, who was a pioneer of Sangamon County. The wife of Mr. Loose was Elizabeth Iles, the daughter of Washington Iles, brother of Elijah Iles.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The plans for the Centennial Celebration are moving satisfactorily. The Journal has several times published the general plans in detail. Members of the Historical Society are urged to consider what the Society and individual members can do to further the plans and assist in the celebration. This is an opportunity for historical service that will not arise again in the lifetime of any of us, and the Society should appreciate the privilege and take advantage of it.

It will be an encouragement to those who are today making history to know that the services and sacrifices of pioneers and

heroes of the early days of the State are appreciated and honored, and guarantees to them that their services will not be forgotten.

The present General Assembly has made an appropriation to the Centennial Commission for the publication of the Centennial history and for the state-wide and official celebrations. Centennial Associations have been organized in a number of counties and the work of organization will be pushed during the summer and autumn.

GIFTS OF BOOKS, LETTERS, PICTURES AND MANUSCRIPTS TO THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND SOCIETY

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